

Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution

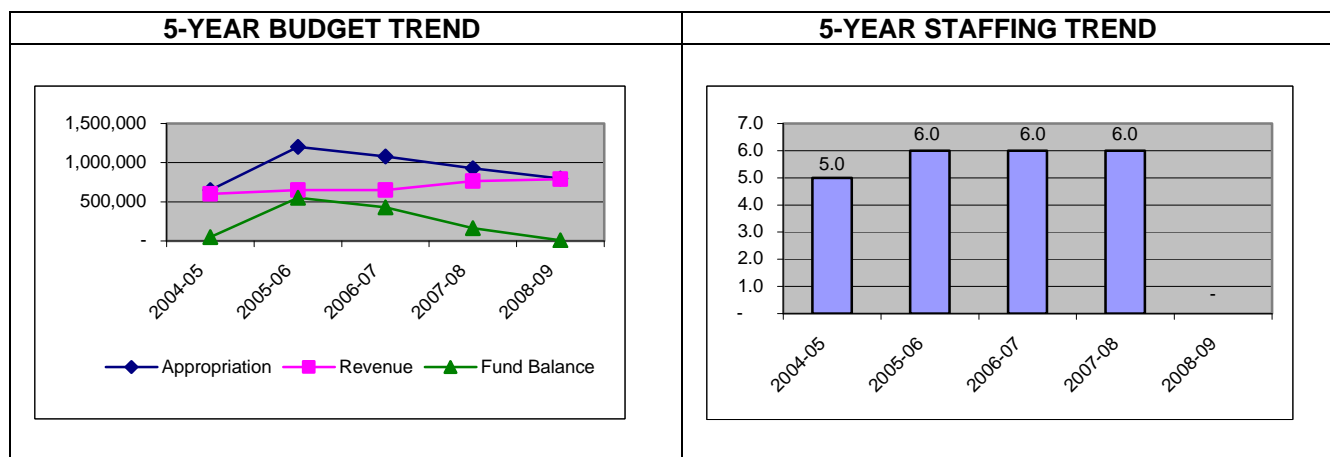
DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

Insurance fraud is a particular problem for automobile policyholders. It is one of the biggest and fastest growing segments of insurance fraud and contributes substantially to the high cost of automobile insurance with particular significance in urban areas. Prevention of automobile insurance fraud can significantly reduce insurance claim payments and may therefore produce a commensurate reduction in automobile insurance premiums. This budget unit funds three investigators, two Deputy District Attorneys and one secretary.

Under the direction of the Insurance Commissioner, the California Department of Insurance makes funds available, as authorized by Section 18971 of the California Insurance Code, to the District Attorney's Office for investigation and prosecution of automobile insurance fraud. This budget unit administers those funds.

There will be no staffing associated with this budget unit in 2008-09. Staff that provide these services are budgeted in the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



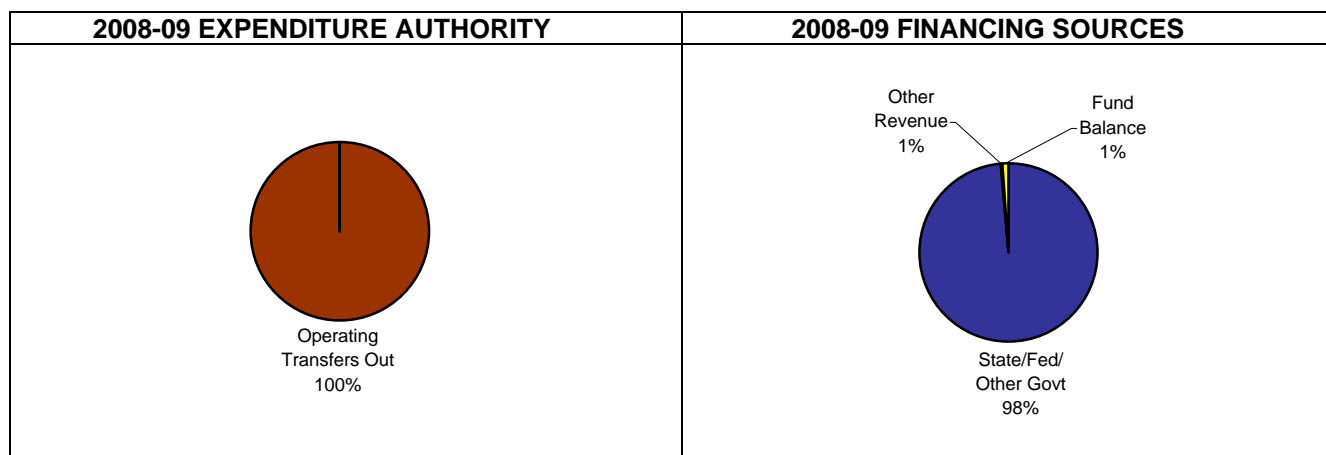
PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Modified Budget	2007-08 Estimate
Appropriation	575,436	776,554	922,561	929,574	905,602
Departmental Revenue	1,076,821	653,228	655,754	766,302	750,500
Fund Balance				163,272	
Budgeted Staffing				6.0	

It is estimated that expenditures will be lower than budget due to the departments' efforts to contain costs to keep it within the grant award amount and fund balance.

Departmental revenue is expected to be slightly less than budget and is based on the actual award from the Department of Insurance.

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET



GROUP: Law and Justice
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
FUND: Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution

BUDGET UNIT: RIP DAT
FUNCTION: Public Safety
ACTIVITY: Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Estimate	2007-08 Final Budget	2008-09 Proposed Budget	Change From 2007-08 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Salaries and Benefits	508,284	694,207	834,356	837,207	847,377	-	(847,377)
Services and Supplies	41,590	57,959	61,127	36,796	47,526	-	(47,526)
Central Computer	2,430	3,192	4,525	5,766	5,766	-	(5,766)
Transfers	23,132	21,196	22,553	25,833	25,764	-	(25,764)
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	3,141	561	(2,580)
Total Appropriation	575,436	776,554	922,561	905,602	929,574	561	(929,013)
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	796,609	796,609
Total Requirements	575,436	776,554	922,561	905,602	929,574	797,170	(132,404)
Departmental Revenue							
Licenses and Permits	90,674	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use Of Money and Prop	2,428	6,542	3,904	4,000	5,500	4,000	(1,500)
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	983,719	646,639	651,850	746,500	760,802	785,000	24,198
Other Revenue	-	47	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	1,076,821	653,228	655,754	750,500	766,302	789,000	22,698
Fund Balance					163,272	8,170	(155,102)
Budgeted Staffing					6.0	-	(6.0)

The 2008-09 budget reflects a technical change in the way the Auto Insurance Fraud Prosecution staffing and expenses are budgeted. Employees/positions and expenses have been moved to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit and corresponding fines and forfeitures revenue from this budget unit will be transferred out to cover those costs. This technical change will give the department greater flexibility in making staff reductions in the event of declining revenue (reassignment, absorb through attrition, etc.).

Operating transfers out of \$796,609 is to the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit for staffing costs. This amount, compared to the salaries and benefits costs in 2007-08 is decreasing primarily attributable to the elimination of 1.0 District Attorney Investigator position.

